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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7170

BILL NUMBER: HB 1007

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 5, 2015

BILL AMENDED: Feb 5, 2015

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment and Sexual Assault Assistance.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Kirchhofer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill prohibits a cap on a grant or contract amount under the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Program administered by the Criminal Justice Institute.

The bill makes a state General Fund appropriation to the Criminal Justice Institute for domestic violence prevention and treatment. It specifies that the appropriation is \$5,000,000 for state fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$5,000,000 for state fiscal year 2016-2017. (The 2013 budget act appropriated \$2,500,000 each year).

The bill makes a state General Fund appropriation to the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Account. It specifies that the appropriation is \$1,000,000 for state fiscal year 2015-2016 and \$1,000,000 for state fiscal year 2016-2017.

The bill requires the Victim Services Division of the Criminal Justice Institute, instead of the Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Standards and Certification Board, to administer the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Account.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Summary* - This bill appropriates a total of \$6 M from the state General Fund for each year of the FY 2016-FY 2017 biennium as follows: \$5 M to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund; and \$1 M to the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Account.

The bill also prohibits any cap on grants or contracts received from the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Program.

(Revised) Additional Information - SEA 138-2014 removed the annual grant cap of \$100,000 for a single domestic violence and prevention treatment center.

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence reports that 57 domestic violence programs currently operate in Indiana.

As of June 30, 2014, the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Fund had a balance of about \$1.2 M, and the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Account had a balance of about \$80,000. The Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Account provides funding to rape crisis centers.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: This bill would provide more funding to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Program. Current law provides that a city, town, county, or township or an entity that is exempted from the gross retail tax may apply for grants from the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Program. These entities may enter into contracts with domestic violence prevention and treatment councils.

State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute.

Local Agencies Affected: Local entities eligible for grant funding from the Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Program.

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